

them. On last election day we gave dinner and supper from which we netted \$45 00, and sold a quilt which we had made for \$5 00. Now this is all on the encouraging side. The discouraging part is that we have fifteen members while our attendance is usually from three to six, or when it is considered quite good, from eight to ten. Some of our members live at a distance and can rarely attend the meetings. Then, too, we are sometimes disappointed in not finding sale for our work after it is completed; but we are still holding on, determined, with one of our sisters of old, to "Do what we can," taking comfort in the knowledge that we will be commended, not for what we accomplish, but for what we try to do.

Now, will not some of the other poor, struggling societies please report and let us try to strengthen and help each other.

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## Christian Life

### "What Hath God Wrought?"

What hath God wrought for me, for all?

For me, for all!

What grace bestowed, what wonders done!

O stop and think! His gifts recall,

Look back, and trace them one by one;

Impress them on our memory yet,

"Lest we forget, lest we forget."

What hath God wrought within our souls!

For me, for all!

How oft, when at his throne we bend,

His love, a mighty ocean, rolls,

Whose depths we can not comprehend!

Guard well these hallowed memories yet,

"Lest we forget, lest we forget."

What hath God wrought, what sorrow healed,

For me, for all!

What blessings come at his command!

What words of peace and joy revealed,

Like dew upon a thirsty land!

Guard well their hallowed memories yet,

"Lest we forget, lest we forget."

God of the past, our hope and stay,

Our trusting hearts we yield to thee;

God of the present, guide our way;

God of the future that shall be,

Of thy great love remind us yet,

"Lest we forget, lest we forget."

—Fanny Crosby.

### Secret Prayer

Rev. Albert Barnes.

If Jesus prayed in the morning, how much more important it is for us, before the world gets possession of our thoughts; before satan fills us with unholy feelings; when we rise fresh from beds of repose, and while the world around us is still! David thus prayed (Ps. 5:3) He that wishes to enjoy religion will seek a place of secret prayer in the morning. If that is omitted, all will go wrong—our piety will wither, the world will fill our thoughts, temptations will be strong, and thru the day we shall find it impossible to raise our feelings to a state of proper devotion. The religious enjoyment thru the day will be according to the state of the heart in the morning; and can, therefore, be measured by our faithfulness in early secret prayer.

### SERVANT OR SLAVE?

Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. . . . But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant. Phil. 2:5-7a.

We are either servants or slaves. Those two classes include every member of the human race. There is a vast difference between the meanings of the two words,—as much difference as between rest and unrest, high and low, great and small. So we can easily ascertain in which class we belong. It is well for us to stop and determine where we are and what we are, for we are living in a momentous era of the world's history—a time freighted with wonderful opportunities and equal obligations,—a time when we should be sure that our little strength is being expended on the side of right, along with the forces of righteousness that will sooner or later gain the victory, a time just after the close of a century marvelous in its achievements and progress especially in the material world, and just before a century promising to be still more marvelous than the preceding one,—a time when we should realize as never before that we are living in a so called Christian land, are members of a so called Christian nation, before which lies a stupendous work, a God-given work, both at home and abroad.

The nation is made up of individuals, so each one of us has a part of that great work to perform. It is a work of service, thus we easily see in which class we should be enrolled.

First, let us define the two terms, that we may better understand them. A servant is one who renders service,—to himself never,—to others, always. While a slave is one who is in an unwilling bondage to serve. The word "slave" is a very unpleasant word to us, and yet some of us may at the present time, consciously or unconsciously be slaves—perhaps not slaves in the same sense that the four millions of the South were,—but slaves to evil habits, slaves to a lust for gold, slaves to the lusts of the flesh, slaves to self—a slavery indeed more horrible, more cruel, more exacting than was the slavery of the South. What sight is more pitiable to the true Christian than a man spending all his time—or rather God's time—for self. How the people rebelled against the negro slavery of the South. There ought to be a greater rebellion now between the hosts of God and the hosts of satan—for satan has bound with tightening bands in the most cruel slavery untold millions of our fellowmen, our brothers and our sisters—for all are such in God's sight,—and not until we recognize them as such can we become in truth servants of the living God. And now there is an imperative demand upon each of God's children for active service. Altho the power of evil in our land is still being swayed with a strong hand, its power is decreasing. So say most scholars who have lately taken a retrospective of the world's progress during the last century. Pessimists are becoming fewer. It can scarcely be otherwise, for is not the increased freedom which character-

izes every field of activity—in science, education, religion, music, literature and politics—in every field, is not this freedom, this trend of the civilized world towards liberty, equality and fraternity, a sure proof of social progress, a proof that the race is moving towards its ultimate goal, and that God is working out his great and eternal purposes. And now, as this is true, that the forces of righteousness are nearing victory, how active and alert and fully armored should be every soldier. Loyal to our general and to the whole army, that means loyal to Christ and humanity,—loyal to our regiment,—that means loyal to our own church,—and lastly loyal each to his own sword, that means loyal to the Bible, and to the God-given talents that each of us possess. "Put ye on therefore the whole armor of God."

Looked at in the light of its right and true meaning, there is no greater word in our language than the word "servant." And in this right use of the term, we hope to show you that every life that has been really true, great and happy has been that of a servant, and apart from this no such life ever has been or ever can be lived.

Long years ago, there came to earth one who, in a far-away eastern land taught the people who gathered round him the tender truths of human life and destiny. He said to them, "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant." Or, in other words, he said to them, he among you who would be truly great must find it in the capacity of a servant. And his whole life was but an embodiment of this principle, with the result that the greatest life ever lived was *his*, the greatest name in the world to day is *his*. Now in the hill country, now in the lake country, he went about healing the sick, clothing the naked, binding up the broken-hearted, sustaining the weak and faltering, aiding the poor and needy, condemning the proud, the vain, the selfish, and teaching the people how to live the higher life, which was *his* life. In fewer words, he went about doing good. He became a servant. Ah, who was it? The children all know—for he never forgot to notice and to bless the children and to show how much he loved them. We all know for it is thru this life of service that we can live lives of true greatness, power and happiness. No one reads of this life, but admires it. And no one reads it, but in whose heart is aroused, at least, a little real love for such a character. Thru this life of service of Jesus Christ,—ah, is that the name we all had in mind, Jesus—thru his life has come to us all the good that we know and enjoy. He became our servant. He is our example, our pattern to live by.

"Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Is it possible that we may have in us the mind of Christ? It must be, for nothing impossible is required of us. It is possible, and why not, when God is our Father, and we his children, created in his own image. Yes, we may have that mind